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# TUSCANIA, WITH 2,179 U. S. TROOPS ON BOARD, TORPEDOED; TOTAL OF 1,912 SURVIVORS LANDED AT TWO IRISH PORTS; CUNARD LINER WAS CONVOYED BY BRITISH WARSHIPS

# PRESIDENT ASKS VAST POWERS TO **CONDUCT WAR**

In Overman Bill Demands the Right to Reorganize Entire Government.

FOR VIRTUAL AUTOCRACY

Measure Astounds Senate and Democratic Leader Martin Refuses Support.

Special Despatch to Tun Sun. WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. - Presi Wilson to-day transmitted to the Ser te his answer to the growing deman for reorganization of the executive de partments of the Government concerned the prosecution of the war. It was a santer demand for authorisation to rea tanize the entire Government without rumscription of restraint upon his

The President's demand was presented to the form of a bill introduced by ator Overman (North Carolina). her Senator Martin, the Democratic for leader, had refused to stand spon-

Under the bill absolutely autocratic powers would be conveyed to the President to reorganise the established departments, bureaus, agencies and offices without consultation with Congress and without the necessity for any legislative sanction to his acts beyond the appropriation of the funds necessary to juy the bills.

### Martin Refused Support.

More than a week ago the President but on the idea for meeting the charges of deficiency in the governmental machinery, and Senator Martin was approached with the suggestion that he introduce a measure of the sort presented to-day by Senator Overman. At that time he told the Provident's successful the could neither introduce nor apport such a bill.

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To-day Postmaster-General Burleson sgain visited the Capitol and presented final plea for party support for the bill.

final plea for party support for the bill. His mission was fruites and Senator Overman at once carried the bill to the Senate, whence it was referred to the

## Text of the Bill.

The following is the Overman bill: e Section I—That for the national so-certity and defence, for the successful prosecution of the war, for the support and maintenance of the army and navy. and maintenance of the army and navy.

for the better utilization of resources and industries and for the more effective exercise and more efficient administration by the President of his powers as Commander in Chief of the land and Eaval forces the President is hereby authorized and empowered to make such redistribution of functions among executive agencies as he may deem necessary, including any functions, duties and powers hitherto by law conferred on any executive department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer in such manner as in his judgment shall seem best fitted to carry out the purposes of this act and to this, end is authorized to make such regulations and to issue such orders as he may deem necessary; provided that this act shall remain in President may designate; and provided further that the termination of this act shall not affect any acts done or any

May Make Any Changes.

"Section 2—That in carrying out the purpose of this act the President is nuthorized in faich manner as he may deem most appropriate to coordinate or consolidate any executive commissions, hureaus, agencies, offices or officer; to transfer any duties or powers from one existing department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer to another; to transfer the personnel thereof or any part of it, either by detail or assignment, together with the whole or any part of the records and incidic property belonging thereto, and to employ by executive order any additional agency or agencies and to vest therein the performance of such functions as he may deem appropriate."

"Section 3—That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act any moneys heretofore and hereafter appropriated for the use of any executive department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer shall be swall-wide for the purposes for which it was appropriated under the direction of such other agency as may be directed by the President hereunder to perform and execute said function.

"Section 4—That during the time this act is in force all restrictions in any calming law creating any executive department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer or defining the dutter thereof shall be deemed to be suspended to the extent that they may be inconsistent with the exercise of the authority herein conferred."

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## Cause for Rejoicing, Carranza Tells Kaiser

LONDON, Feb. 6 .-- Venustiano Carranza, President of Mexico, sent a fulsome birthday meemage to Emperor William of Germany, recently, according to
Reuter's, Limited. It reads as

To your Majesty, who cele-brates his anniversary to-day with just cause for rejoicing. I have the honor to send your Majesty my most cordial con-gratulations and am pleased to express to you my best wishes for your personal hap-piness and that of your august family, as well as for the prosperity of this great, friendly nation.

# T. R. OPERATED

Surgeons Say Result Is Successful and That He Is Resting Comfortably.

COLONEL IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Roosevelt Will Remain There Until He Leaves-2 Daughters Present.

Hospital yesterday afternoon ond in less than a week. At 6 P. M. the following bulletin was issued:

"The operation proved successful later, gave the first authentic in tion regarding the exact nature and cause of the trouble. It also was demirers. It said:

"Col. Roosevelt was suffering fro an abscess which was the result of an infection contracted in Brazil some years ago. This developed into a fistula, which was successfully treated by operation. There is no reason to expect

Ross, Feb. 6.—The Italian shipping losses by mine or submarine in the week ended February 2 were light, only one steamship under 1,600 tons being sunk.

## M'ADOO OFFERS THREE BILLION NOTES TO BANKS

Secretary Proposes 90 Days' Issue and Plans Delay of New Liberty Loan.

APRIL 15 EARLIEST DATE

Garfield's Order Prompts Postponement Until Industries Again Speed Up.

erty Loan will be postponed until April 15 or later if a new short term financing plan announced to-day by Secretary Mc doo meets with the support and coperation of the banks of the country. This plan, which has been kept a close

secret at the Treasury Department, provides for the issuance of \$2,000,000,000 of Treasury certificates of indebtedness onthly instalments, and the banks are asked to pledge in advance that they will set aside each week 1 per cent, of their gross resources for invest nent in these certificates.

A telegram was sent to-day by Mr McAdoo to every bank and trust company in the country, asking them to agree to these terms and appealing to them to do so "as a supreme duty of

patriotism."

The plan announced to-night provides for the issuance of \$500,000,000 in\_certificates every two weeks, the banks investing in them in each issue at least 1 per cent. of their gross resources, the maximum investment not to exceed 10 per cent of the gross resources.

"It is contemplated if each bank will do its share." said Mr. McAdoo's announcement, "that as a maximum 10 per cent. of the gross resources of the banks, or approximately \$2,000,000,000, will be raised between now and the next Liberty Lean, providing it is necessary to cell upon the banks to that extent."

The first instalment of the new certificates, amounting to \$300,060,600, already has been offered through Federal
Reserve banks. These certificates are to
mature on May 5, are offered at par and
bear interest at 4 per cent. from February 8. Only the terms of this instalment are fixed as yet.

Although not stated in the announcement, Secretary McAdoo admitted tonight in response to questions that he

night in response to hoped to defer the n least until April 15.

The second bulletin was signed by Dr. Walton Martin of 151 East Sixty-third street, the Colonel's regular physician and the performer of the superficial operation at the Colonel's home in Cyster Bay several days ago. Dr. Martin was sanisted in the more sectious operation settled in the more sectious operation at the Colonel's name that the sanisted in the more sectious operation is attributed to a tropical fever contracted by the Colonel, in his Amazon River exploration four years ago. It is attributed to a tropical fever contracted by the Colonel, in his Amazon River exploration four years ago. It is attributed to a tropical fever contracted by the Colonel in his Amazon River exploration four years ago. It is attributed to a tropical fever contracted by the Colonel in his Amazon River exploration four years ago. It is not a good kind of year to reach the saling state consultation at the Hotel Langdon. When the third Liberty Loan, which has the note a good kind of year to reach the saling state of the section of the tropical fever contracted by the Colonel in his Amazon. River exploration four years ago. It is not a good kind of year to reach the basing. Benator Weeks (Mass.) attended to the same and the result of the examination Dr. Duel decided that the Colonel, if he was to be free of the burden, of the fever at the Hotel Langdon. Action of the country of the colonel, if he was to be free of the burden, of the fever at the Hotel Langdon. Action of the colonel in his attributed to a tropical fever contracted by the Colonel, it is not a good kind of year to reach the basing. Benator Weeks (Mass.) attempts to once the day of the colonel in the superior of the section of th

## Effects of Garffeld's Orders.

Receives News Gamely.

Col. Roosevelt received the verdict with customary gameness and walked unassisted to the automobile that was to interfere with and Mrs. Roosevelt medical parts of the country, medical parts of the country depended upon to subscribe heavily to the Liberty Loan.

Bo thoroughly had the Colonel's grit and vigor concealed the evil effects of the tropical fever that the report of his illiness came as a complete surprise. It was not until the second operation impended that the affliction of the Colonel's intermittent illnesses, culminating in the fistula, became known.

The Colonel's illness will interfere with a rather extensive speaking tour which was to have begun last night in Boston. From there he was to go to Des Moines, Milwaukee and Detroit, Anderdon of the Colonel's received the country will be going full speed ahead again, that the tremendous expenditures now being made will have reancelled Tuesday night on account of that with American troops in action on the fistules.

Col. Roosevelt's physicians hope that

engagement at the Harvard Club was reancelled Tuesday night on account of illness.

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One Italian Ship Leet in Week.

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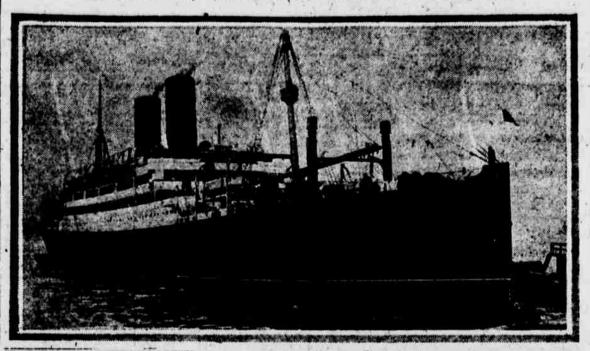
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## Newspapers on Sale

In order to meet the public demand for newspapers an ample supply of them is provided at the newsstands in all subway and elevated railroad stations and railroad terminals and in the principal hotels and restaurants. If any newsdealer fails to supply his customers they can buy whatever papers they want conveniently and comfortably in these places.

A further list of places where newspapers can be purchased will be found on page 3 of this paper.

## TUSCANIA, VICTIM OF GERMAN TORPEDO.



# BAKER IS FIRM

Senate Committee's Open Inquiry Fails to Disclose Transport Details.

XECUTIVE SESSION NEXT

Army Details Disclosed Behind Closed Doors.

The great question of the Loan at 1918 would witness

## Estimate Rather Low.

Estimate Enther Lew.

If do not know for certain." replied Secretary Baker, "but I believe that statement is rather low."

Senator Weeks pursued the point, eaying ing: "Assuming that we have \$00,000 tons, is there any prospect that this amount of tonnage can be increased?" Secretary Baker expressed an optimistic view with regard to the shipping sitility. The Office of Exportation charges in tunnage affoat within the last thirty days. He also informed the committee that the United States was not depending solely, upon its own efforts to keep the vast evens war ferry running, but that Great Britain had agreed to make a considered priceless for the vent their auction at Christle's.

The Government based its action upon the claim that the documents had been removed from Italy in violation of law which prohibits the export of fine art and antique works, as well as documents of historical importance, without authority. The Archives consist of more than 1,000 historic documents, and nearly all and antique works, as well as documents striking point contained in the letters that relate to life and morals in those distant years is that to be a murderer was to great a suturn and it was believed the Marquis Cosimo di Medici had come to tarms with his Government by offering to wish that Government by offering to which murder could be committed, and the total absence of feeling or of considerable on their information contained and the word pictures painted of customs of private life and business in Italy, in addition to section of law with the documents and been created of customs of provent the claim that the documents as documents in the claim that the documents were taken out without any the claim that the documents were taken out without distant years is that to be a murderer was to great to life and morals in the claim that relate to life and morals in the claim that relate to life and morals in the claim that relate to life and morals in the claim that relate to life and moral target and the word provent and the word p considerable contribution.

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Secretary Promises to Have

tion of half a million men to the fighting front in the early spring and the cor-

considerable contribution.

The discussion in the committee was peppered with acrimony by reason of the voluntary effort of the Administration Senators in the committee, headed by Senators in the committee, headed by Senators Beckham (Ky.) and Kirby (Ark.), to raily to the Secretary's assistance and interpose objection to the lines of criticism on the ground that there might be dangerous disclosures. These objections were made every time the investigators seemed likely to pin the Secretary to some fact at variance with his talk of last week.

"It is an attempt to have the Secretary' divige secreta of a military character," charged Senator Kirby.

"I think there is a lot of 'camouflage' about keeping information from the enemy and then publishing it in the Official Bulletis," asserted Senator Weeks.

"Baltime of Testamon of the Marquis Cosimo di Medici, who own the treasured "Medici Archives," arelintal descendants of the family that for Smokes Most Welcome

of Gifts to Soldiers

"THANKS a lot for your cheer."

"Rarely has anything hit the mark as the 'smoking' did."

"Rest assured that it will lighten our term of soldiering."

"Tobacco is the most appreciated gift that can be sent to a soldier."

"Luxuries are seldom to be

## Halting of Testimony.

Repeatedly similar interposition by the two Administration Senators batted the testimony of the Secretary just as it was getting interesting or beginning to convey the suggestion that errors had been made on the side of optimism in his testimony. One of the spicy bits choked off by the Administration's supporters dealt with the atory of pro-Germanism in the army of the United States.

This was brought into the investigation by Senator Weeks, who said that he got a letter from a prominent man telling of the ramification of pro-Germanism among our troops abroad. The letter, Senator Weeks said, told of a chaplain and certain scidlers having been, sent home from France.

"I know of but one case where an



# IN LONDON HALTS SUDDENLY

Italian Government Obtains Injunction to Prevent Auction at Christie's-Believed Owner Had Arranged Terms by Withdrawing Certain Documents.

and has obtained an injunction to pre-

soldier."

"Luxuries are seldom to be had except through such activities as your own."

"It is so very comforting to know that some one has your happiness in mind."

"It is with joy that we are able to reach in our pockets and find a package of cigarettes."

"Most of the boys were on their uppers for tobacco. Believe me the smoke sure was thick last night."

—Extracts from postcards to

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in a letter dated September 20, 1643, from Prince Mattias, son of the Grand Duke of Tuscapy, to the Marchese Lorenzo di Medici. The writer asks for supplies for his army. He wants 500 mules and 30,000 pounds of cotton fuse, and also more men to be sent to Casciano to await orders from him (the Prince). The writer complains that the enemy will not accept battle, in apite of the fact that his own upon go up to their very trenches to challenge them. He states naively the enemy has so far found it more useful to use its legs than its arms.

A hint that trench warfare is not as modern as it is supposed to be is given in a letter dated September 20, 1643.

700 years occupied a position in Italy in financial and mercantile affairs similar to those held in this country at this time by the Rockefellers and Morgans. Lorenzo the Magnificent was extremely pewerful in his day, and his letters are considered priceless for the information contained and the word pictures painted of customs of private life and business in Italy, in addition to secrets of diplomacy as practised in the

War Department Promises Full Details but So Far Only Knows That Most of Troops Were From the 32d Division.

UNITS CAME FROM MANY STATES; SOME ARE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

Sunken Vessel Was Chartered by Cunard From Anchor Line-Last Arrival at American Port Was January 17-Date of Sailing Not Revealed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.-The British transport Tuscania, with 2,179 United States troops on board, has been torpedoed and sunk off the north coast of Ireland. All but 267 have been accounted for ..

The first bulletin of the War Department said:

The War Department has been officially advised that the steamship Tuscania was torpedoed and sunk and that survivors numbering 1,100, as far as could be ascertained. were landed at Buncrana and Larne in Ireland. There was a total of 2,179 United States troops on this vessel. No name of persons lost has been reported to the War Department and no name of survivors was reported. Additional particulars are promised as soon as received.

About midnight a cablegram was received from Ambassador Page in London, who said that 1,912 had been ac-

## Units Which Were on Board.

The War Department announced late to-night that its records showed the following were on board the Tuscania:

Headquarters detachment and Companies D. E and F of the Twentieth Engineers, recruited from foresters in New England and the Northwest.

107th Engineer Train. (First battalion of Michigan En-

107th Military Police. (Made up from Fourth and Sixth Wisconsin Infantry.) 107th Supply Train. (Made up from Fourth, Fifth and

Sixth Wisconsin Infantry.)

100th Aero Squadron. 158th Aero Squadron.

213th Aero Squadron. Replacement detachments Nos. 1 and 2 of the Thirty-sec-

ond Division. (Men from Wisconsin and Michigan.) Fifty-one casual officers. The Thirty-second Division is composed of National Guard

### troops from Michigan and Wisconsin. The division trained at Camp MacArthur, Texas.

It was announced that the Tuscania was manned by British sailors, with a British naval guard and was convoyed by British warships.

Convoyed by British Warships.

The news came as a bombshell to Washington. President Wilson was at the theatre and the sound of the newsboys crying extra papers greeted him when he left. Secretary of War Baker was at his office, but otherwise the War Department was practically deserted and it was some time before arrangements could be made to cope with the many questions coming from all quarters, particularly with relieving anxiety by giving out

the names of the men on the ship. Excitement grew in intensity as the evening wore on. Cabinet officers telephoned for information, and Mr. Tumulty, Secretary to the President, showed deep concern

was to remain respectable, but to be a political offender was cognidered helicitude of the total absence of feeling or of conscience stricken qualities by the director of the crime, Lorenze writes about a median beatrice of Exte. In it he describes how Lodovico, the bridegroom, realised that he might expect a request from his bride that he apare the life of Luigi da Terasago, so to save himself from any controversy he "had him hanged a week ago in the prison at Pavis."

Perhaps the most important letters in the collection are exchanges of Lorenze the courts of Milan, Rome and Naples. They relate to the King of Naples and Pope Innocent VIII., and concern the serious quarret that was going on between them at that time. On October 17, 1991, he writes a letter fo Pietro Alamanni in which he resolves that Pope. That an acceptable accord may be achieved is the writer's whole hearted wish.

A hint that trench warfare is not as Secretary Baker in a recent summary of war operations.

Secretary Baker in a recent summary of war operations warned the nation that the lull in German submarine activities was due to the refitting of the U-boats for the drive on the American supply system.

The list of those lost may not be available for several days. Unless the muster roll has been taken off by some of those on board it is lost with the ship. This would complicate matters and necessitate cable exchanges before a definite list could be made up. Otherwise the names of the survivors will have to come in piecemeal, and this will not clear up the situation for

The State Department's despatch gave the number of young perters, peacened with solicited soldiers on board as 2,178, six less than the War Department's peacened with solicited soldiers on board as 2,178, six less than the War Department's peacened with solicited soldiers on board as 2,178, six less than the War Department's peacened with solicited soldiers on board as 2,178, six less than the War Department's peacened with solicited soldiers on board as 2,178, six less than the War Department's peacened with solicited s